

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continued Prosecution Application of

Werner RAHMFELD

Serial No.: 09/462,024

Filed: February 03, 2000

For: Method and Device for Producing Thin  
Slabs

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**BOX CPA**

**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**

*Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing  
(Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d))*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

**BOX CPA**

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d), of prior application number **09/462,024** filed on **February 03, 2000**, entitled **Method and Device for Producing Thin Slabs**.

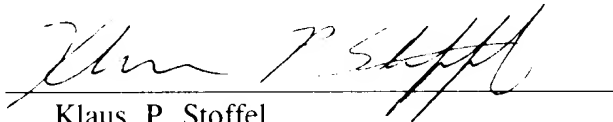
1. [x] Utilize the file jacket and contents of the prior application, including the specification, drawings and oath or declaration from the prior application, to constitute this new application, and assign the application number of the prior application to this application for identification purposes.
2. [x] The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for this CPA.
3. [] Enter the amendment previously filed on under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
4. [x] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

5. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)(4).
- a. ☐ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
- b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
6. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
7. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
- a. ☐ PTO-1449
- b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
8. A fee computation sheet for this application is attached hereto.
- a. ☒ A check for \$740 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2412 in the amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
9. ☒ For this continuing application and the parent application the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2412. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
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- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 not otherwise paid by check.
10. ☒ A petition for a ☒ four month extension of time to maintain the pendency of the prior application is enclosed herewith, together with a check for \$1,440 in payment of the government fee for said extension of time.
11. Small entity status:
- a. ☐ Small entity statement is claimed.
- b. ☐ is no longer claimed.
12. ☒ The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.
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